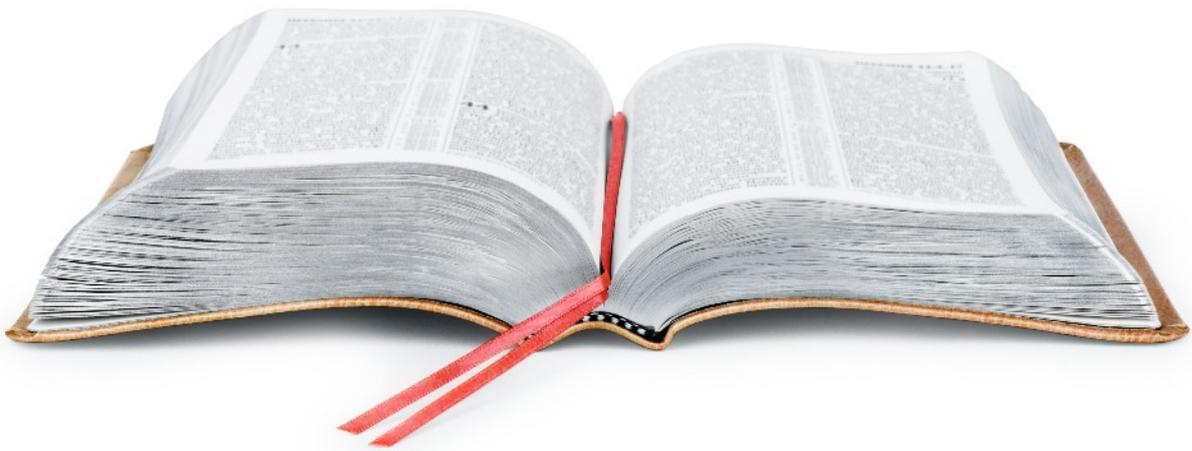


# St John's, Pevensey Road



The Last Sunday after Trinity  
**Bible Sunday**

**Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**



**Welcome to our Mass Services today - held each Sunday at 08:00 and 10:30 a.m.**  
(The 10:30 service is recorded and broadcast via our church website later in the day)

**This week:**

**Morning Prayer** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, at 9 a.m.

**Church open for private prayer**, daily 9 - 5.

**Midweek Mass** Wednesday at 10 a.m.

**Online "Zoom" service:** 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

**Morning Coffee** Friday 10 - 12, in church

**Our prayers are asked for:**

Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, Brenda R, Jane G, Jo, Amber, Shirley, Andrew N, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Rob, Jenny H, Jon W, Andy, Dawn, Frances K, Alison N, Sally L, Ana, and Marie.

**Please pray also for...**

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Don Tidey, Betty Harvey, and Derek Bramwell,

... and all who mourn.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we will celebrate **All Saints' Day** (rather than on the Monday). Don't forget to put your clocks back an hour overnight next Saturday night!



**Bells ring in warning**

Church bells across the nation are set to "ring in" a warning of climate calamity ahead of the COP 26 Climate Change Conference. A number of churches across the diocese will join the Cathedral in the "Ring Out for Climate" initiative at 18:00 next Saturday, 30th October.

St John's has linked with the **Welcome Churches network**, a nationwide organisation which welcomes refugees through contact with local churches. People at the local church offer friendship and sometimes practical help to people of all faiths or none. If you would be interested in helping newcomers to our area in this way and would like to know more please speak to Fr David or Clare C. CC



**All Souls Day Mass**, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 6 p.m. Please can you give the names of those to be remembered, to Tina in the church office. The contact details are on the back page of the Pews News. Thank you. Fr D

Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com) by 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Thanks!

# Mass for the Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)

**Introit:** *O Lord, my God, to thee - Arcadet*

## Opening Hymn

Morning has broken,  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird;  
Praise for the singing,  
Praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing  
Fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall,  
Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall  
On the first grass;  
Praise for the sweetness,  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,  
Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play;  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day.

*Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)*

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

## Prayer of Preparation

**All Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## Prayer of Confession

The word of God is living and active.  
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him  
to whom we give account.  
We confess our sins in penitence and faith:

Your word convicts us:  
all have sinned  
and fallen short of the glory of God.  
Lord, have mercy,  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

Your word commands us:  
repent, and believe the good news.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**All Christ, have mercy.**

Your word assures us:  
Christ Jesus came into the world  
to save sinners.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

## **The Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you  
from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you  
in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **The Gloria**

**All** Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray:

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be  
written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest  
them

that, through patience, and the comfort of  
your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour  
Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

*Isaiah 55.1-11*

The LORD says this:

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that  
which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not  
satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is  
good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the  
peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not  
know,

and nations that do not know you  
shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD,  
that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly  
pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways,  
says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the  
earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your  
thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down  
from heaven,  
and do not return there until they  
have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread  
to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from  
my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I  
purpose,  
and succeed in the thing  
for which I sent it.

For the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy**

*2 Timothy 3.14-4.5*

Continue in what you have learned and  
firmly believed, knowing from whom you  
learned it, and how from childhood you  
have known the sacred writings that are  
able to instruct you for salvation through  
faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is

inspired by God and is useful for  
teaching, for reproof, for correction, and  
for training in righteousness, so that  
everyone who belongs to God may be  
proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ  
Jesus, who is to judge the living and the  
dead, and in view of his appearing and  
his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:  
proclaim the message; be persistent  
whether the time is favourable or  
unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and  
encourage, with the utmost patience in  
teaching. For the time is coming when  
people will not put up with sound  
doctrine, but having itching ears, they  
will accumulate for themselves teachers  
to suit their own desires, and will turn  
away from listening to the truth and  
wander away to myths. As for you,  
always be sober, endure suffering, do  
the work of an evangelist, carry out your  
ministry fully.

For the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Hymn**

We have a gospel to proclaim  
Good news for men in all the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,  
Hated by those He came to save;  
In lonely suffering on the cross  
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
The gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

*Edward J. Burns*

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life.

**All Alleluia**

The Lord be with you  
**All And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 5.36b-47*

Jesus said to the Jews: 'The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf.

Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*The response to the petitions may be:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**All Hear our prayer**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Peace *is introduced***

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We may exchange a sign of peace*

### **Offertory Hymn**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Could ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I stand

*Keith Getty, Stuart Townend*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread  
and wine are placed upon it.*

Lord Jesus,  
you nourish us at the table of your word  
and the table of your sacrament;  
as we feed on you, the bread of life,  
may we daily grow into your likeness.  
**All Amen.**

*The priest takes the bread and wine.*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here  
**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all  
things  
and all your works echo the silent music  
of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in  
your image,  
the crown of all creation.

And now we give you thanks  
because you have given us the Holy  
Scriptures  
to instruct us in the wisdom that leads to  
salvation  
through faith in Jesus Christ.

You give us breath and speech, that with  
angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands,  
O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our  
Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given  
for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper,  
taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood  
of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the  
cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at  
your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring  
before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in  
your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your  
glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every  
land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with Saint John the  
Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother  
of God, and all the saints,  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and  
heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs  
of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and  
power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
Give us your peace**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to  
his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

*Communion is received*

***Anthem: Jesu, joy of man's desiring -  
J.S.Bach***

## **Prayer after Communion**

***The priest prays the Post Communion  
for the day:***

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly  
grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**All Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off,  
you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.  
Dying and living,  
he declared your love,  
gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup  
bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope  
you have set before us,  
so we and all your children  
shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to  
praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Notices**

### **Final hymn**

At the name of Jesus  
ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him  
King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders  
in their great array.

Humbled for a season  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious,  
when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant  
With its human light  
Through all ranks of creatures  
To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast,  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians, name him,  
With love as strong as death;  
But with awe and wonder,  
And with bated breath.  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
Trusted and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true;  
crown him as your Captain  
in temptation's hour:  
let his will enfold you  
in its light and pow'r.

Christians, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

*Caroline Maria Noel (1817-77)*

## The Blessing

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
**All And also with you**

Go now in peace,  
knowing that you have been born again,  
not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,  
through the living and enduring word of God;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Concluding Voluntary: War march of the  
priests - Mendelssohn**

As we remember in our prayers the  
family of Sir David Amess we can also  
pray for our Members of Parliament:

Heavenly Father, bless all chosen to  
serve us in public office and especially  
our MPs. Keep them safe, preserve them  
from all that may threaten them and give them  
your grace to work for the good of all. Amen.



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A SERVICE OF REFLECTION, THANKSGIVING AND HOPE  
THE BOROUGH CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT, HASTINGS OLD TOWN  
SUNDAY, 7th NOVEMBER AT 4 P.M.

Twenty months into the pandemic, it seems appropriate to reflect on our borough's experience, to give thanks for the sometimes unexpected blessings that have arisen and to look for signs of hope for the future. Much of the reflection will relate to those of our number who have died or have become seriously ill as a result of Covid-19.

We shall hear from key workers, and the sermon will be given by the Bishop of Lewes.

Please join the Vice Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex and the Mayor of Hastings in marking this extraordinary time in our Borough's history

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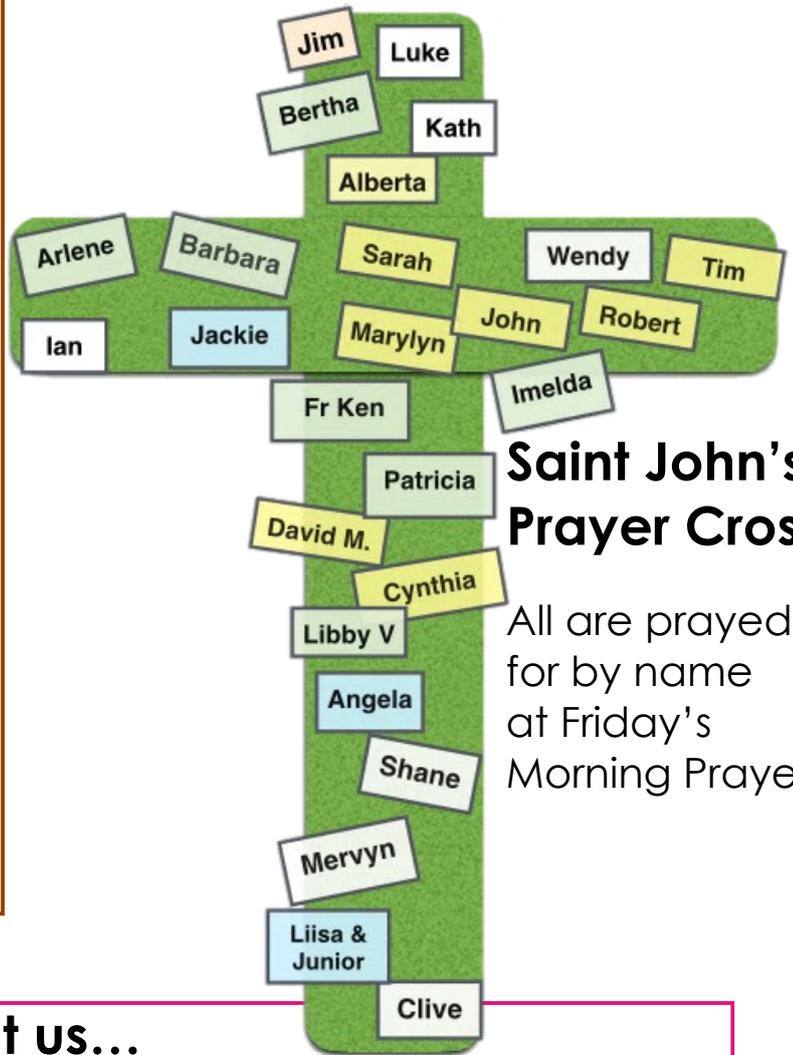
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All are prayed for by name at Friday's Morning Prayer

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